Introduction of AIR service in trains

2331. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati proposes to entertain passengers on selected trains like Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express by introducing the AIR service *via* the world space satellite;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been made with the Railways for providing the service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD):(a) and (b) Prasar Bharati proposes to introduce Live Radio Service on board the trains of Indian Railways *via* World Space Satellite, on an experimental basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Conversion of DD Metro into DD News Channel

2332. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to convert DD Metro Channel into DD News Channel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is proposed to start new channel in place of Metro Channel;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD):(a) and (b)